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High-Ranking Bonn Officer Found Dead

BONN, Germany (AP) — A West Germany arm lieutenant colonel who shot himself in the head yesterday was the third high-ranking Bundeswehr officer in the past 10 days to die of bullet wounds.

Spokesman said there was no indication that the death of Lt. Col. Johannes Grimm, 57, was connected with malfeasance or "a violation of security regulations."

He said Grimm, who shot himself while in his office at the Defense Ministry, had been in ill health "for years."

Grimm had been stationed at the ministry, since October 1963. In World War II, he was a reserve captain, and in 1956 he returned to the new Bundeswehr.

A news blackout was thrown over the investigation into the death of Rear Adm. Hermann Luedeke, who was found shot dead Oct. 8 in the Eifel Mountains. Eight days earlier he had retired from a top post in the North Atlantic Treaty Organization.